

MINUTES
UTAH
MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSING BOARD
MEETING

MAY 20, 2008

ROOM 464– 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:05 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:06 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Diana Baker
Penny Vogeler

Board Members Present:

Craig M. Sauer, Chairman
Ruth Werner
Richard Engar, DDS
Carolyn Redington
Jenifer Pruetz

Guests:

Roger Olbrot, Myotherapy College of Utah
Dave Hunter, AMTA Utah Charter President

DOPL Staff Present:

F. David Stanley, Division Director
Kent Barnes, Senior Business Analyst

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
MINUTES:

The minutes of March 18, 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Dr. Engar and seconded by Ruth Werner to approve the minutes with a few corrections. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS:
Diana Baker
Kent Barnes

Ms. Baker introduced herself to the Board as the interim Bureau Manager. Ms. Baker will be leaving DOPL in a few weeks. She also introduced Mr. Kent Barnes, Compliance Manager. Mr. Barnes is filling in for Ms. Debbie Harry, Compliance Coordinator.

Ms. Baker addressed Ms. Werner and acknowledged the fact that today is her last meeting as a Board member. Ms. Werner has full filled her four year

term on the Board and is not interested in serving an additional four years due to other commitments. The Board thanked Ms. Werner for a job well done and stressed how much she would be missed and stated she has contributed a great deal to the Massage Therapy Board.

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Kent Barnes reviewed the probationers being seen today with the Board members. He also provided a list of current probationers as well as a guide for interviewing probationers. Mr. Barnes informed the Board members of the Diversion program and how effective it is for the first time offenders.

PROBATION INTERVIEW: Francisco Velasquez

Francisco Velasquez was interviewed by Ms. Redington. He stated things are going well. He submitted his continuing education and it was reviewed by Ms. Werner. He was asked to complete 20 hours of CE and he submitted 21. The Board was very impressed with the manner in which he submitted his CE. His employer reports are submitted monthly and these were all in order. It was decided he will continue to submit his employer reports monthly through out his probation. He was asked about his relationship with his co-workers. He stated he feels things are interesting where he works but believes they are ok. He works 5 days a week and does about 5 sessions a day. Mr. Velasquez will meet again in September.

Roger Olbrot, MIO Therapy College.

Mr. Olbrot discussed the requirements for licensure as a Massage Therapist. He suggested to the Board that they look into the issue of DOPL requiring a certification of completion as well as a transcript for licensure. Our application requires either one or the other. Ms. Baker will look into this matter.

Melissa Rasmussen

Ms. Rasmussen came before the Board and was interviewed by Ms. Pruetz. She stated she has been current on all of her supervisor reports but they have been applied to the previous month. It was decided she was current on all reports. Ms. Baker stated she needs to submit a report for May.

She submitted an outline of ethics training which was approved by the Board. The Board wanted her therapist to set a number of hours, or she can attend an approved ethic course. It was suggested she go to use the internet (netscape.com) for information on ethics classes. She will be seen in July her reports should be in to DOPL by August.

Kristi Olsen

Interviewed by Ms. Pruetz. She discussed her previous dilute drug screens. This seems to have improved since she became aware of it. Her employer reports were current. She asked the Board for early release. The Board felt she needed to have six months of negative drug screens. She stated she was never told until two months ago about the dilute screens. The Board asked her to return in two months and submit a letter requesting early release of her probation. If she were not on probation she stated she would be working for herself. She is doing only 5-10 sessions a week. Ms. Olsen is **in compliance**.

Julieta Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez was interviewed by Ms. Werner. She submitted to Ms. Harry the information the Board had asked for. She now has someone doing her hiring and doing back ground checks. This seems to be working very well for her. She has made many changes in her business which includes offering benefits. She is doing a small business course (see file). She is **in compliance** with the terms of her order.

Penny Anderson

Ms. Redington conducted the interview. She was reminded she needs to call everyday. Her drug screens were discussed. She was instructed that she had a dilute test and needs to come up with a plan that works for her. The cost of the testing was discussed. She stressed she needs to make an employment change and was given a supervisor report form for a new employer. It was decided she attend the next meeting in July. She is **not in compliance** with the terms of her order. It was recommended Ms. Anderson meet with Ms. Harry again to go over her stipulation.

NEW STIPULATION:
Mathew Putman

Mathew Putman was interview by Mr. Sauer. He explained his reason for being here before the Board. He has not yet started his drug testing. He has taken the MBLEx. He is currently working at Massage

Envy in Draper. He was asked to send in a letter stating they have seen his MOU. He asked about a no disciplinary surrender of his license due to the fact that he may be moving out of state.

NEW STIPULATION:
Joseph Babbie

Joseph Babbie was interviewed by Mr. Engar. His stipulation was reviewed. He will going to Valley Mental Health and was given yellow cards. He will be working at Massage Envy. He was reminded no use of alcohol or drugs. He has taken the MBLEX. He stated he was told having a drug or alcohol issue would not be an issue to licensing. His sobriety date is May 13, 2008. He asked about a list of testing centers due to the fact he does not have a vehicle. He feels he has a great support system in friends. Ms. Werner asked the Board to be on top of Mr. Babbie with the DUI issue since she will be leaving and feels very strongly about this issue. The Board was very firm with making him aware of taking responsibility for himself. He feels he is at the place in his life to deal with his alcoholism and move on. Mr. Sauer discussed a sponsor and the fact that they can be of great help as well as becoming a sponsor himself. He will be seen in July. He is very upset with the call center at the Utah College of Massage Therapy and the fact that he was given false information.

Discussion items:

Ms. Pruetz was asked if she would like to remain on the Board for another term. She stated she would like to be reappointed for another term. Ms. Werner stated she had too many other obligations to except another term.

ADJOURN: 12:06

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Sauer.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

07-15-2008
Date Approved

(ss) Craig Sauer
Chairperson, Massage Therapy Licensing Board

07-15-2008
Date Approved

(ss) Sally Stewart
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing